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From: Penny Francke [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
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To: RecycledTireCrumb [RecycledTireCrumb@epa.gov]
Subject: Testing labs for tire mulch in tot lots

Hello,

I am the chairperson of the Facilities Committee for the CountrySide HOA, located in Sterling, VA. We have several tot lots across our properties, and we use recycled tire mulch as a cushioning material. In the past, the HOA had consulted studies which suggested that the recycled tire mulch was a safer alternative to crumb rubber. However, several residents have raised concerns about the tot lot material, based on several recent news reports on the alleged toxicity of fill material in area playgrounds.

I would be very grateful for any recent studies or findings you can share. In particular, I would like to ask your help in directing us to the type of testing laboratory that would be qualified to conduct testing at our tot lots, whether for VOC emissions, or other health/safety concerns that might be indicated. We are currently in the process of budgeting for 2020, and the costs of such testing is a key input to our planning process. I understand that you might not be able to recommend specific labs, but any information on how to categorize the testing labs, what type of tests I should be requiring, and how to identify the best qualified labs—all of those details would be very much appreciated.

Thanks in advance for your assistance! If you have any questions, please contact me at 703-433-1715, or through this e-mail account.

Regards,

Penny Francke
Chair, Facilities Committee, CountrySide Proprietary